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New York Times - Congratulations!

Dear Eric,

I was delighted to see the nice article about you in today's *New York Times*. Congratulations! It is wonderful that your foundation is going to be so securely funded. What a generous thing you have done!

I have been meaning to write you to let you know that I had the pleasure of meeting your former brother-in-law, Peter Solomon, in New York a month or two ago. He is very generously making some of his Edward Lear watercolors available for reproduction in a book I am writing about that artist's natural history paintings. I greatly enjoyed seeing some of his remarkable collection of original paintings by Beatrix Potter, Edward Lear, and Maurice Sendack. He has done for children's literature what you have done for coins and paper currency!

In the hope that you are well, and looking forward to a restful summer in New England.

With all best wishes, I remain -

As ever, Bob

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